

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 830 - SB 831

March 15, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires a manufacturer of farm machinery to either replace farm machinery or refund the customer the full purchase price of any such machinery plus any related repair costs less normal wear and tear, if outlined criteria are met.

Establishes an affirmative defense to any such claim of defective farm machinery. Entitles a consumer to bring a civil action, if such action is brought within two years after the consumer reports any defect or condition affecting a piece of farm machinery.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

IMPACT TO COMMERCE OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004847): Deletes and replaces language in the original bill such the only substantive changes are to: (1) revise the meaning of farm machinery to specify such equipment is designed for agricultural purposes; (2) revise documentation a consumer is required to furnish to a manufacturer, distributor, or authorized dealer for refund or replacement; and (3) specify the refund or replacement recipient.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation applies to commercial transactions between private parties and is estimated to have no significant impact on state or local government.
- Any impact to the court system is estimated to be not significant.
- Any other impact resulting from the proposed legislation will be borne by private parties to civil actions.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- This proposed legislation will not result in a significant impact on commerce or jobs in this state.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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